Jordan

have the right to fly, why should they have the right to own a gun? People like Faisal Shahzad was already on the no-fly list when he attempted to bomb Times Square on May 1, 2010. If he had decided to walk into a gun store that day and purchase a gun, he would have been able to do so. This makes no sense.

It is time for us to engage in common sense. It is time for the Homeland Security Committee to come together in a unanimous fashion and pass H.R. 1076. There is a discharge petition on the floor. This bill should come before the full House. Vote however you want to, but give each and every Member of this House the opportunity to be recorded on whether or not one wants people who are on suspected terrorist lists to be able to buy a gun.

□ 1430

For those who may be on that list for purposes that are wrong or in error, so they have to wait 3 days before they get the gun. Better to have safety in this country for all Americans, better to have persons who do not belong in a position of owning a gun, but belong on the list not to fly, to not be able to buy

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Speier).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 4, nays 394, answered "present" 2, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 677] YEAS-4

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"-2

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NOT VOTING-33

Aguilar Donovan Mooney (WV) Murphy (PA) Perlmutter Amodei Edwards Bass Granger Bishop (MI) Grijalva Pittenger Cicilline Gutiérrez Rush Russell Clay Hartzler Collins (NY) Huffman Schrader Jeffries Costa Scott, David Davis, Danny Johnson, Sam Takai Deutch Lewis Titus Dingell Lummis Young (AK)

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Messrs. MEEHAN, POMPEO, ELLI-SON, and BABIN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was reiected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 675, "nay," on rollcall No. 677, "nay."

HSA TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Young of Iowa). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say thank you to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee) and the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. Watson Coleman), my good friend, for the fine work they did on this bipartisan, noncontroversial bill that is common sense and does the right thing. But, unfortunately, it has been hijacked, Mr. Speaker.

It has been hijacked for this ruse. They set it aside. They said: Well, we have got this discharge petition. We want to get this bill on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, they don't have the names to get the bill on the floor. Furthermore, I contend they don't even want to vote for it. They don't want to vote on it. They just want to talk about this. These are the folks who tell everybody that they are here to protect your rights.

Mr. Speaker, they talk about they want the people on the no-fly list to have their right to firearms taken away from them, understanding-hopefully, they understand—they have no idea what it takes to get on the no-fly list. These people on the no-fly list have no idea half the time that they are on it.

Furthermore, the no-fly list is maintained by bureaucrats, the same administration that persecutes its citizens and has them audited by the IRS for their beliefs and what they say at a prayer breakfast.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Perry), my friend, and the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. Jackson Lee), my friend, for having a bill that would actually clean up some problems within Homeland Security.

But, as I listen to the debate, including the last gentlewoman who moved for adjournment, I wonder if people who speak on this floor, Mr. Speaker, sometimes listen to themselves. As the gentlewoman pointed out—we could have the words read back, but she actually said that the Times Square bomber, the guy that was trying to blow up people with a bomb in Times Square, could have gone in and bought a gun. Obviously, he wasn't using a gun.

We also know that, as our friends across the aisle have proposed more stringent background checks and more extensive gun control laws, that not one of the proposals of this administration would have stopped the killings in Colorado, in Oregon at the community college, or at San Bernardino. This body ought to be about doing things that make a difference, not doing things for show.

As far as the no-fly list, when we have a process that is conducted behind closed doors, a process that was not formulated and voted on by the elected Members of Congress, that puts people on a no-fly list, my friends who support that idea are telling people around the country, including the 200,000 people buying guns in the last month, that we want an arbitrary process by a President, who a Muslim Brotherhood publication in Egypt says is advised by six of their top Muslim brothers, to formulate a list—it is not my words. That is the Egyptian publication back in December of 2012. They want that President formulating behind closed doors a list of Americans who can never buy a gun. This is the same administration that has gone after conservative organizations with the IRS.

Let me also point out that, before you try to clean out the homes of honest, law-abiding Americans, including a general who is a constituent who keeps ending up on the no-fly list, why don't you get rid of the 72 Department of Homeland Security employees who were on the no-fly list before you try to take guns away from law-abiding Americans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. GOHMERT. May I have 30 more seconds?

Mr. PERRY. No. I need to keep moving. I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1500

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let me just say this: I am not sure if the gentleman from Texas, a dear friend, was asking us to get rid of the no-fly list or the watch list.

Our point today, Mr. Speaker, is very narrow. We are just asking that terrorists not be able to walk into a gun shop and buy a gun. This is a loophole that is most glaring. Eighty percent of the American people believe that this is impossible; it must not be true. We are trying to prevent suspected terrorists from walking into a gun store and buying a deadly weapon.

The investigation, tragically, in California is not yet finished, so we don't have the final answer as to what would have prevented that. But it is astonishing that the loophole has allowed more than 2,000 suspects on the FBI terrorist watch list to buy guns in the U.S. over the past 11 years.

When I started this debate, I was happy that we had come to the floor to deal with Homeland Security bills. The American people want the homeland safe and secure. They don't want demagoguery. They want safety and security.

Legislation blocking terrorists from getting guns makes America no more safer and secure than apple pie. This is a time when more than 90 percent of all suspected terrorists who tried to buy guns in America walked away and bought them. They got the weapon they wanted. This is not criminals, gangs, or others. We are dealing with those individuals who are terrorists. They have the right to get a gun.

Can we do something this week, Mr. Speaker? Can we add to the safety and security of the American people? As we pass this bill, H.R. 3859, which I applaud its correcting technicalities, can we join together and can we pass closing the gun loophole that allows terrorists to go and buy a gun to terrorize innocent Americans? I think we can do better.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Dun-

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

We have talked a lot in the last couple of weeks about the visa waiver program, visas in general, and Syrian refugees. Let me remind this body and the American people that 49 percent of all illegals in this country didn't cross our southern border; they came here with a permission slip in their hand, known as a visa. And they chose to overstay that visa. Now they are categorized as visa overstays. These overstays are people that we trusted by giving them a permission slip to come into our great country.

There are six words that ought to be brought up as we talk about this issue: secure the border, enforce the laws. That is how you keep America safe.

I want to tell you, national security is at stake here. Americans are concerned. I won't say Americans are afraid, but they are concerned. They expect us to do our job to secure this great Nation. They expect us to look into the visa waiver program. They expect us to look into the refugees and the vetting process. They expect us to keep them safe.

We ought to talk about securing the border and enforcing the laws. We are not chasing footprints in the desert with regard to the visa overstays. We know who these people are. They have had an interview at a consulate or embassy. We probably have a thumbprint, a picture, a name. We probably have an address of where they are going.

Let's keep our eye on the ball here. Americans expect us to keep them safe, and that is by reviewing the visa waiver program, that is considering the vetting process, and that is enforcing the law. Let's secure our Nation.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume

Mr. Speaker, I started by saying that the American people are looking to us to secure the homeland.

As we look at these series of bills that we have on the floor, H.R. 3859 is a technical corrections bill. This is a bill that should be passed. Americans expect clarity from this body. Clarity from this body means that at the same time as we pass H.R. 3859, we should also be concerned about making sure that we close gun show loopholes so as to avoid having terrorists buy guns.

I believe that that is the appropriate and direct way to handle this question of securing the Nation. Do the obvious to secure the Nation: stop terrorists from getting guns.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, once again, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3859, which is really the issue at hand.

Regarding the other issue that is being discussed here, this is an issue of failure of foreign policy: an open border and a visa waiver program that allows terrorists to come into our Nation unfettered. Other than the issue at hand, that is the issue that we are really talking about.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 3859, the HSA Technical Corrections Act. Again, it is important, commonsense legislation. It amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 by updating obsolete language and striking outdated offices and reporting requirements.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Col-LINS of New York). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Perry) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3859, as amended.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed. Nea1

Sewell (AL)

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 7, nays 398, answered "present" 4, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 678]

YEAS-7

DeFazio Farr Harris

Johnson, E. B. Labrador

Peterson

NAYS-398 Abraham Collins (NY) Garrett Comstock Adams Gibbs Aderholt Conaway Gibson Connolly Gohmert Allen Amash Conyers Goodlatte Ashford Cook Gosar Gowdy Babin Cooper Barletta Costa Graham Costello (PA) Barr Granger Graves (GA) Barton Courtney Bass Cramer Graves (LA) Beatty Graves (MO) Crawford Becerra Crenshaw Grayson Benishek Crowley Green, Al Cuellar Green, Gene Bera. Culberson Beyer Griffith Cummings Curbelo (FL) Bilirakis Grothman Bishop (GA) Guinta Davis (CA) Guthrie Blackburn Davis, Danny Gutiérrez Davis, Rodney Blum Hahn Blumenauer DeGette Hanna Bonamici Delanev Hardy Bost DeLauro Harper Boustany DelBene Hartzler Boyle, Brendan Denham Hastings Heck (NV) Dent Brady (PA) DeSantis Heck (WA) Brady (TX) DeSaulnier Hensarling Brat DesJarlais Herrera Beutler Bridenstine Deutch Hice, Jody B. Brooks (AL) Diaz-Balart Higgins Brooks (IN) Doggett Hill Brown (FL) Dold Himes Dovle, Michael Brownley (CA) Hinoiosa Buchanan Holding Buck Duckworth Honda. Bucshon Duffy Hover Burgess Duncan (SC) Hudson Bustos Duncan (TN) Huelskamp Butterfield Edwards Huffman Huizenga (MI) Byrne Ellison Calvert Ellmers (NC) Hultgren Capps Emmer (MN) Hunter Capuano Hurd (TX) Carney Eshoo Hurt (VA) Carson (IN) Esty Israel Farenthold Carter (GA) Jackson Lee Carter (TX) Fattah Cartwright Fincher Jeffries Castor (FL) Fitzpatrick Jenkins (KS) Fleischmann Castro (TX) Jenkins (WV) Chabot Fleming Johnson (GA) Chaffetz Flores Johnson (OH) Chu. Judy Forbes Jolly Cicilline Fortenberry Jones Foster Clark (MA) Jordan Clarke (NY) Foxx Joyce Clawson (FL) Frankel (FL) Kaptur Clay Franks (AZ) Katko Keating Cleaver Frelinghuysen Clyburn Kelly (IL) Fudge Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Coffman Gabbard Collins (GA) Gallego

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"-

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Mr. GRAVES of Georgia changed his vote from "yea" to "nay.

Mr. MASSIE changed his vote from 'nay'' to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

VISA WAIVER PROGRAM IMPROVE-MENT AND TERRORIST TRAVEL PREVENTION ACT OF 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 158) to clarify the grounds for ineligibility for travel to the United States regarding terrorism risk, to expand the criteria by which a country may be removed from the Visa Waiver Program, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report on strengthening the Electronic System for Travel Authorization to better secure the international borders of the United States and prevent terrorists and instruments of terrorism from entering the United States, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 158

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. ELECTRONIC PASSPORT REQUIREMENT.

- (a) REQUIREMENT FOR ALIEN TO POSSESS ELECTRONIC PASSPORT.—Section 217(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows:
- "(3) PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS.—The alien, at the time of application for admission, is in possession of a valid unexpired passport that satisfies the following:
- "(A) MACHINE READABLE.—The passport is a machine-readable passport that is tamper-resistant, incorporates document authentication identifiers, and otherwise satisfies the internationally accepted standard for machine readability.
- "(B) ELECTRONIC.—Beginning on April 1, 2016, the passport is an electronic passport that is fraud-resistant, contains relevant biographic and biometric information (as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security), and otherwise satisfies internationally accepted standards for electronic pass-
- (b) REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAM COUNTRY TO VALIDATE PASSPORTS.—Section 217(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)(B)) is amended to read as follows:
 - "(B) PASSPORT PROGRAM.—
- "(i) ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS.—The government of the country certifies that it issues to its citizens passports described in subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(3), and on or after April 1, 2016, passports described in subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(3).
- "(ii) VALIDATION OF PASSPORTS.—Not later than October 1, 2016, the government of the country certifies that it has in place mechanisms to validate passports described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(3) at each key port of entry into that country. This requirement shall not apply to travel between countries which fall within the Schengen Zone."
- AMENDMENT.—Section CONFORMING 303(c) of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 is repealed (8 U.S.C. 1732(c)).

SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON USE OF VISA WAIVER PROGRAM FOR ALIENS WHO TRAVEL TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

Section 217(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(a)), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following: